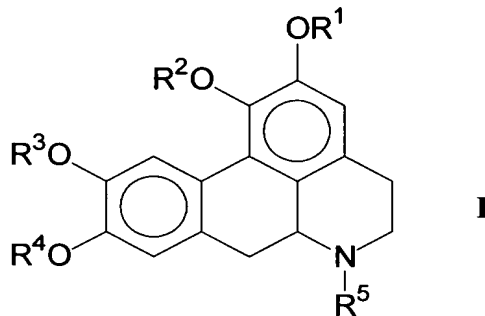


IN THE CLAIMS

1-36. (cancelled)

37. (currently amended) A method of decreasing pigmentation in a person in need thereof comprising the steps of: providing a topical cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition comprising: ~~a compound having the general formula I:~~



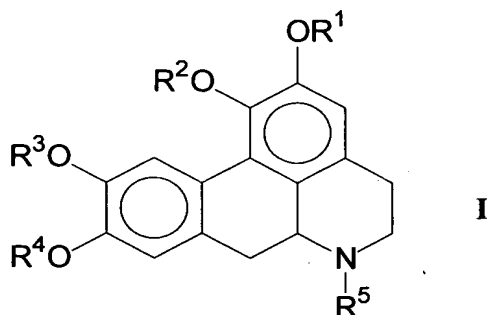
~~in which:~~

~~the groups R1, R2, R3, R4 and R5, which groups may be the same or different, and each may be a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, acyl, sulfonyl or sugar group, selected from the group consisting of 2,9-dihydroxy-1,10-dimethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, 1,2,10-trimethoxy-9-hydroxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, 2,9-diacetyloxy-1,10-dimethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine and 1,2,9,10-tetramethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, and cosmetically acceptable salts thereof, and optical isomers thereof, and at least one of a carrier, active substance or a principal adjuvant,~~ and

~~applying same~~ said compound to the skin of a person in need thereof.

38. (currently amended) A method of slimming, reducing cellulite or firming the skin of a person in need thereof comprising the steps of:

providing a topical cosmetic or dermatopharmaceutical composition comprising a compound having the general formula I:



_____ in which
~~the groups R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵, which groups may be the same or different, and each may be a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, acyl, sulfonyl or sugar group, selected from the group consisting of 1,2,10-trimethoxy-9-hydroxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, 2,9-diacetyloxy-1,10-dimethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine and 1,2,9,10-tetramethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine and cosmetically acceptable salts thereof, and optical isomers thereof, and at least one of a carrier, active substance or a principal adjuvant;~~ and
 _____ ~~applying same said compound to the skin of a person in need thereof with the proviso that the compound of formula I is not 2,9-dihydroxy-1,10-dimethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine.~~

39-41. (cancelled)

42. (previously presented) The method of claim 37 or 38 wherein said compound is present at a concentration between 0.0001 (w/w) and 50% (w/w).

43. (previously presented) The method of claim 42 wherein said compound is present at a concentration preferably between 0.001 (w/w) and 20% (w/w).

44. (previously presented) The method of claim 42 wherein said compound is present in the form of a solution, dispersion, emulsion, paste, or powder, or is included

individually or as a premix in vehicles constituted by carriers such as macro-, micro-, or nanocapsules, liposomes or chylomicrons, macro-, micro-, or nanoparticles or microsponges, or are adsorbed on organic polymers powders, talcs, bentonites, or other inorganic supports.

45. (previously presented) The method of claim 42 wherein said composition is a foundation, tint base, sun-screen, suntan lotion, milk, or cream, shaving cream, shaving foam, aftershave, shampoo, lipstick, mascara, or nail varnish.

46. (previously presented) The method of claim 42 wherein said principal adjuvant is an organic or hydroglycolic solvent, fatty substance obtained by extraction or synthesis, ionic or non-ionic thickener, softener, opacifier, stabilizer, emollient, silicone, α - or β -hydroxy acid, antifoaming agent, moisturizing agent, vitamin, perfume, preservative, sequestrating agent, coloring agent, gel-forming and viscosity-increasing polymer, surfactant and emulsifier, water- or fat-soluble active principle, plant extract, tissue extract, marine extract, sun filter, antioxidant, abrasive, absorbent, essential oil, astringent, anti-agglomerant agent, antifoaming agent, antimicrobial agent, binder, biological additive, buffering agent, bulking agent, chelating agent, chemical additive, cosmetic astringent, cosmetic biocide, denaturant, drug astringent, external analgesic, film former, opacifying agent, pH adjuster, propellant, reducing agent, sequestrant, skin-conditioning agent, humectant, skin treating agent, or thickener.

47-55. (cancelled)